

October 27, 1960

Regular meeting of the Camarillo State Hospital Advisory Board was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairwoman Teague. Present were Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Tolmach, Dr. Garrett, Dr. Holloman, Mr. Vujovich, Mr. Grimes, Dr. May, Mr. Craig and Mr. Macy.

Dr. May was requested to report on the progress of the new admission procedure recently instituted. He stated patients were now being processed and sent to wards in a matter of hours, where under the former procedure, several weeks frequently went by before incoming patients were sent to wards. Dr. May said the ease and speed of the new procedure creates a good impression upon incoming patients in that they feel immediately that someone is interested in their plight and that immediate steps are being taken to help them.

Dr. May stated that at the present rate of admissions of approximately 5,000 per year, we so far have had only two patients who, because of their disturbed condition upon admission, could not be immediately processed.

Many favorable comments on the new procedure have been received from many sources, and mechanics of the procedure have been observed by many interested people.

Dr. Garrett was asked to explain what effect, if any, the new procedure had on treatment wards and he said one significant fact enhanced the value of the new procedure, which was not available to the incoming patient before, and this had to do with the enlistment of patient groups on all treatment wards to act as a "steering committee" to assist in the orientation of incoming patients--to answer questions, to explain ward routine procedure, and help to allay fears and suspicion that usually accompany new patients.

The Chair requested Dr. May to discuss the role this hospital plays in the over-all State research program. This was done with the aid of 35 mm slides, reproduced from charts showing allotment of State funds for research projects--what requests hospitals made and for what sums of money, and the number of requests granted and for what amount.

Dr. May explained that in all the twelve projects under way at Camarillo, only a very minor number of the hospital staff had been absorbed, even though some \$500,000.00 has been allocated for Camarillo projects.

Dr. Holloman expressed his interest in the projects being undertaken and expressed surprise that so much was being undertaken and accomplished, and predicted the benefits returning to the hospital and mankind as a result of research would all be in the hospital's favor.

The Chair announced receipt of a letter calling for the opinion of this Board in holding regular regional board meetings in which the hospital board members in the South would participate, while those of the northern part of the State would do likewise. No decision was reached.

Dr. Garrett was asked to bring the board up-to-date on budget allotments. He explained that a lump sum allotment, with flexibility, was allocated to the Department of Mental Hygiene which would provide no increase over the past year's expenditures, but would allow this hospital approximately \$12,000,000.00 for the coming year's operation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

GEORGE GRIMES, Secretary

by B. W. Macy  
Recorder